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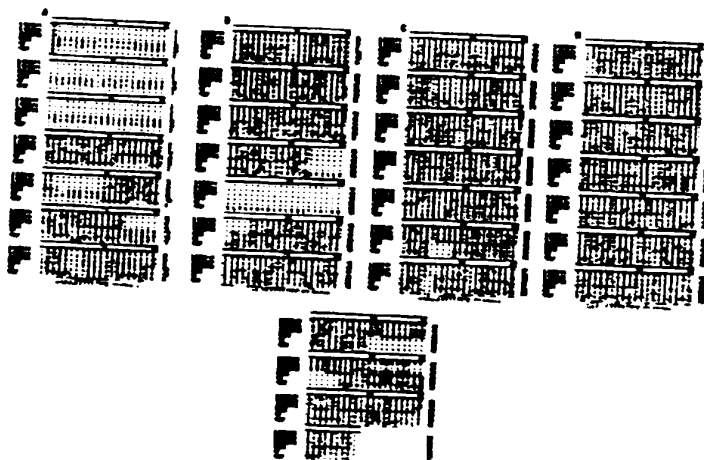
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(57) Abstract

The invention provides DNA that can be introduced into the genomes of plants to produce genetically-modified plants having higher levels of squalene than the natural plants. The DNA corresponds to squalene epoxidase gene of the same or a related plant, and may have the sequence as shown by SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 or SEQ ID NO:11; or a part of such a sequence or a sequence having at least 60 % homology with such a sequence. The DNA is introduced into the genome in a way that results in down-regulation of an exogenous plant squalene epoxidase gene to suppress the expression of squalene epoxidase. The invention also relates to a process of producing genetically-modified plants, plasmids and vectors used in the method, genetically-modified plants and seeds thereof, and a method of producing squalene from the modified plants.

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TITLE: PROCESS OF RAISING SQUALENE LEVELS IN PLANTS
AND DNA SEQUENCES USED THEREFOR

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 This invention relates to the production of squalene for commercial and industrial uses. More particularly, the invention relates to a process by which natural squalene levels in plants can be increased, and to nucleotide sequences that can be introduced into plants
10 to cause the desired increase, and plasmids, vectors, etc., useful in the process.

BACKGROUND ART

There is a US\$ 125 million per annum market for squalene, a colourless oil used in the cosmetics and
15 health industries (Kaiya, 1990). Squalene is currently obtained mainly from shark liver, but it also occurs in small quantities in vegetable oils. Squalene extracted from shark liver is declining in supply (Kaiya 1990) and the harvesting of sharks for this purpose is anyway
20 environmentally unfriendly and is becoming less acceptable as environmental concerns increase in society.

Squalene can be extracted from olive oil, although the amounts are not sufficient to supply even the cosmetics market (Bondioli et al. 1992; Bondioli et al.
25 1993). Squalene could be extracted from other vegetable oils, but the levels of the hydrocarbon in the oil are too low for this to be economically viable. There are at present no Canadian crops used for squalene production. It has been suggested that, if the levels of squalene
30 occurring in oilseeds could be increased, the traditional source of squalene could be replaced by oilseed crops, to the benefit of both the environment and those countries, such as Canada, that grow crops of this kind in abundance. Many vegetable oils undergo deodorization by
35 vacuum distillation as a routine part of refining. Most of the squalene in the oil can be recovered in the deodorizer distillate which is a by-product of this

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process (Bondioli et al., 1993). Typically, squalene is concentrated more than one hundred fold in the deodorizer distillate relative to the levels in unrefined vegetable oils. For commercial viability, vegetable oil deodorizer distillates should contain at least 5% (w/w) squalene. Currently, soybean and canola deodorizer distillates contain squalene in the 0.1-3% range (Ramamurthi, S., 1994). Consequently, an increase of two-fold or more in the squalene content of these oilseeds could result in commercially viable squalene production from vegetable oils.

It has been shown that in plant cell cultures, squalene accumulates in the presence of squalene epoxidase inhibitors, e.g. allylamines such as terbinafine (Yates et al. 1991). Apparently, much of the squalene produced in plants is converted to the epoxide by squalene epoxidase, and ultimately to plant sterols. In fact, all plant and higher life forms contain squalene and squalene epoxidase genes, but little squalene accumulates in the tissues of such life forms because of the effects of the expressed squalene epoxidase. Therefore, inhibition of the epoxidase gives squalene an opportunity to accumulate. However, there are as yet no commercial processes based on this concept.

A main problem addressed by the inventors of the present invention is therefore to create a plant crop, particularly an oilseed crop, which accumulates squalene in harvestable tissues, such as seeds, at sufficient levels for commercially-viable extraction.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide new sources of squalene that have the potential to be exploited on a commercial basis to replace conventional commercial sources of squalene.

Another object of the present invention, is to generate squalene-producing plants modified to accumulate

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squalene in the plant tissue (e.g. in seeds) in sufficient quantities to make the extraction of squalene commercially attractive.

Another object of the invention is to identify
5 squalene epoxidase genes in plants, and to partially or completely neutralise the expression of such genes.

Another object of the invention is to produce DNA clones, constructs and vectors suitable for modifying the genomes of plants to reduce expression of squalene
10 epoxidase.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a commercial process for producing squalene from plant tissue, especially seeds.

The inventors of the present invention have
15 discovered the DNA sequences of the genes encoding squalene epoxidase (squalene monooxygenase (2,3-epoxidizing); EC 1.14.99.7) from the plants *Arabidopsis thaliana* (thale cress), and *Brassica napus* (rapeseed, canola), as well as a second gene from *Arabidopsis* and
20 one from *Ricinus communis* (castor), and using this knowledge have developed a process of modifying the genomes of such plants to produce genetically-modified plants which accumulate squalene at higher than natural levels. Moreover, the process may be operated to
25 increase squalene levels in plants using DNA based on squalene epoxidase genes from different but related plants.

According to one aspect of the invention, there is provided an isolated and cloned DNA (polynucleotide)
30 suitable for introduction into a genome of a plant to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant below natural levels, wherein the DNA has a sequence corresponding at least in part to a squalene epoxidase gene of a plant.

35 The DNA preferably has a sequence corresponding to all or part of a specific sequence selected from SEQ ID

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NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10 (as shown in the following Sequence Listing); or having at least 60% (more preferably at least 70%) homology thereto.

5 The measure of homology between two DNA (polynucleotide) sequences as used in this specification is the similarity index given by application of the Wilbur-Lipman algorithm of the MEGALIGN® computer program (DNASTAR) in aligning and comparing DNA sequences
10 corresponding to a complete polypeptide coding region using the parameters ktuple=3, gap penalty=3 and window=20.

 According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a process of producing genetically-modified
15 plants having increased levels of squalene in tissues of the plants compared to corresponding wild-type plants, wherein the plant genome is modified to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant. The genome is modified by introducing at least one exogenous
20 DNA sequence that corresponds, at least in part, to one or more endogenous squalene epoxidase genes of the plant.

 The DNA sequence introduced into said plant genome has at least 60%, and more preferably at least 70%, homology to said one or more of the endogenous squalene
25 epoxidase genes, and is preferably all or part of a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10.

 According to yet another aspect of the invention, at least in a preferred form, there is provided a process of
30 producing genetically-modified plants having increased levels of squalene in tissues of the plants compared to corresponding wild-type plants, wherein the plant genome is modified to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant, raising squalene levels of a plant, by
35 introducing into the genome of the plant a nucleotide sequence that reduces or prevents expression of squalene

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epoxidase. The DNA introduced into the genome includes a transcriptional promoter and a sequence that when transcribed from the promoter is complementary or antisense to all or part of at least one squalene epoxidase messenger RNA produced by the plant.

The invention also relates to plasmids and vectors used in the processes indicated above, and as disclosed later.

The invention further relates to a genetically-modified plant capable of accumulating squalene at levels higher than the corresponding wild-type plant, produced by a process as indicated above, or a seed of such a plant.

The invention additionally relates to a process of producing squalene, which involves growing a genetically-modified plant as defined above, harvesting the plant or seeds of the plant, and extracting squalene from the harvested plant or seeds.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the alignment of deduced amino acid sequences of the clones pDR111 (*B. napus* 111) [SEQ ID NO:4], pDR411 (*B. napus* 411) [SEQ ID NO:11] and 129F12T7 (*Arabidopsis*) [SEQ ID NO:2], and of the known squalene epoxidase genes of mouse (DNA Database of Japan D42048) [SEQ ID NO:6], rat (DNA Database of Japan D37920) [SEQ ID NO:7], and baker's yeast (Genbank M64994) [SEQ ID NO:8]; the alignment was done using the MEGALIGN™ program of the LASERGENE™ suite of programs (DNASTAR) using a multiple alignment gap penalty of 20; and

Figures 2, 3 and 4 are plasmid maps of three vectors (pSE111A, pSE411A and pSE129A, respectively) produced according to one embodiment of the present invention.

BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

General Discussion

The concept underlying the present invention is to identify squalene epoxidase genes of oilseed plants (or

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possibly other plants, since all plants appear to have genes for the production of squalene, and particularly those plants that are capable of accumulating squalene in their harvestable tissue) and then to use that knowledge to create genetically-modified plants in which the expression of squalene epoxidase is decreased partially or fully compared to the natural level of expression, so that squalene naturally produced by the plants can accumulate in the seeds or other tissue to levels that make extraction commercially attractive.

The approach taken by the inventors of the present invention to identify squalene epoxidase genes of plants was initially to use the DNA sequence of a known squalene epoxidase gene from yeast to identify equivalent genes in suitable plant species, e.g. by heterologous hybridization, on the assumption that all squalene epoxidase genes will have a considerable degree of similarity. Once one or several plant squalene epoxidase genes have been identified in this way, those plant genes can then be used to identify additional squalene epoxidase genes from other plants.

Heterologous Hybridization

Nucleic acid hybridization is a technique used to identify specific nucleic acids from a mixture. Southern analysis is a type of nucleic acid hybridization in which DNA is typically digested with restriction enzymes, separated by gel electrophoresis and bound to a nitrocellulose or nylon membrane. A nucleic acid probe, which is typically radio-labeled or otherwise rendered easily detectable, is hybridized to the bound DNA by exposing it to the membrane-bound DNA under specific conditions and washing any unbound or loosely bound probe away. The location of the bound probe is then detected by autoradiography or other detection method. The

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location of the bound probe is an indication that DNA sequences that are similar to those in the probe nucleic acid are present. Hybridization may also be done with DNA of clones of a recombinant DNA library, such as a cDNA library, when that DNA has been bound to a membrane after plating the library out (Ausubel et al., 1994). Of course, the method used by the inventors to identify the genes disclosed in the present application may be used to identify equivalent genes from other plants. As noted above, the process originally used by the inventors to identify the *Arabidopsis* gene was based on further analysis of a gene that was tentatively identified from a publicly available database containing partial sequences (Expressed Sequence Tags or EST's) submitted by other workers from randomly chosen (unidentified) gene clones. EST's from other species (such as rice, castor) can also be searched in the same way to find other possible squalene epoxidase genes present in such plants (depending on the more or less accidental sequencing of the desired genes) using the *Arabidopsis* and *B. napus* sequences disclosed herein.

The inventors have, for example, found other EST's from plants that have tentatively been identified as squalene epoxidase genes by comparing them to the *Arabidopsis* and *B. napus* sequences discussed above.

Thus, sequences corresponding to Genbank Accession Numbers T15019 (obtainable from Dr. C.R. Somerville, Carnegie Institution, 290 Panama St., Stanford, CA 94305, USA) and W43353 (obtainable from DNA Stock Center, *Arabidopsis* Biological Resource Center, Ohio State University, 1060 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1002, USA) have been predicted to correspond to squalene epoxidase genes from *Ricinus communis* (castor) and *Arabidopsis* (a second *Arabidopsis* gene).

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Perhaps more importantly, the process by which the *B. napus* gene was cloned can be used to clone other plant species. The (heterologous hybridization) methods are well known, but the process requires the knowledge and use of the novel plant squalene epoxidase sequences disclosed in this application.

If the hybridization and washing are done under conditions which are considered stringent (e.g., at relatively high temperature and/or low salt and/or high formamide concentration), then the sequences detected generally have a high degree of similarity to the probe nucleic acid. If hybridization and washing are done at lower stringency, then it is possible to detect sequences that are lower in similarity to the probe. Discussions of this detection of similar sequences by hybridization can be found in Beltz et al. (1983) and Yamamoto and Kadowaki (1995). From the point of view of gene cloning, if one obtains a clone for a gene in one organism, one can use low stringency hybridization of the DNA clones corresponding to a related organism to detect the homologous gene sequences of that organism. As mentioned before, the success of this approach depends on the similarity of the sequences of the homologous genes which in turn generally depends on the evolutionary relationship between the organisms.

Once identified, sequenced and cloned, the DNA of suitable plant species may then be modified or manipulated with any technique capable of decreasing the expression of a natural gene based on an isolated DNA clone corresponding, at least in part, to that gene. Suitable methods, at present, include antisense technologies (Bourque, 1995), co-suppression or gene silencing technologies (Meyer, 1995; Stam et al., 1997; Matzke and Matzke, 1995), and ribozyme technologies (Wegener et al. 1994; Barinaga, 1993).

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These technologies are discussed in more detail below.

Down-regulation of Gene expression

5 General

The activity of a particular enzyme, such as squalene epoxidase, is dependent on, among other things (such as the biochemical environment), the amount of
10 enzyme (usually, and for the sake of this argument, a protein) that is present. The amount of enzyme present depends on the expression of the gene or genes encoding the enzyme of interest. Gene expression usually includes (not necessarily in this order) transcription of DNA to
15 generate RNA, processing of the RNA produced from transcription, transport of RNA to the site of translation, translation of mature messenger RNA into polypeptide, proteolytic processing and folding of the nascent polypeptide, transport of the protein product to
20 various cellular compartments, and post-translational modification of the protein (such as phosphorylation or glycosylation). Any effect or difference in any of the processes involved in gene expression can have an effect on the level of expression of an enzyme encoded by a
25 given gene or genes. Gene expression often varies with cell type, tissue type and developmental stage. Likewise, enzyme levels in different cells and tissues and at different developmental stages varies widely. (For plant nuclear genes, this is often the result of
30 differential transcription.)

Gene expression can also be affected by the breakdown of the gene product, the enzyme, or any of the intermediates in gene expression, such as precursor RNA.

From a genetic engineering point of view, in
35 principle, gene expression can be down-regulated by affecting almost any of the processes involved. For

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example, although the mechanism is not well established, antisense technology (as discussed below) decreases the amount of translatable messenger RNA (mRNA) in an organism.

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A) Antisense technology

An appropriate antisense technology is disclosed, for example, in US patent 5,190,931 issued on March 2, 10 1993 to Masayori Inouye. The disclosure of this patent is incorporated herein by reference. In short, this technology can be used to regulate or inhibit gene expression in a cell by incorporating into the genetic material of the cell a nucleic acid sequence which is 15 transcribed to produce an mRNA which is complementary to and capable of binding to the mRNA produced by the genetic material of the cell. The introduced nucleic acid sequences include equivalents of the gene to be regulated, or parts thereof, oriented in antisense 20 fashion relative to a transcriptional promoter. Thus, the squalene epoxidase sequence, or part thereof, is introduced into the genetic material of the cell as a construct positioned between a transcriptional promoter segment and a transcriptional termination segment. The 25 mRNA produced when the antisense sequences are transcribed binds or hybridizes to the mRNA from the squalene epoxidase gene of interest and prevents translation to a corresponding protein. Therefore, the protein coded for by the gene is not produced, or is 30 produced in smaller quantities than would otherwise be the case. By introducing a gene that has a sequence that is antisense to the natural squalene epoxidase gene in oilseed plants, the epoxidation of squalene can be inhibited or reduced so that squalene accumulates in the 35 plant tissues, especially the seeds, which can then be harvested in the usual way and the squalene extracted

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using conventional techniques.

In terms of the process of antisense down-regulation of squalene epoxidase genes, for any plant species, it is generally necessary to use a gene from a closely related plant such that the genes are more than about 60%, and preferably about 70%, identical at the DNA level (Murphy, 1996). Thus, homologous (equivalent) genes from the same family of plants, would reasonably be expected to give an antisense effect on any member species of that family.
10 For example, *Arabidopsis* genes have been found to have antisense effects in *B. napus* (Murphy, 1996).

The antisense DNA in expressible form may be introduced into plant cells by any suitable transformation technique, e.g. in *planta* transformation
15 (such as wound inoculation or vacuum infiltration). Transformation may also be carried out by co-cultivation of cotyledonary petioles and hypocotyl explants (e.g. of *B. napus* and *B. carinata*) with *A. tumefaciens* bearing suitable constructs (Moloney et al. (1989) and DeBlock et
20 al. (1989)).

It would, of course, be optimal to identify a natural squalene epoxidase gene for each plant species to be modified in order to ensure complete correspondence of the DNA used to modify the natural gene and the DNA of
25 the natural gene itself. If a gene from one plant species has been cloned, there are methods available to clone the same gene from other plants. The reliability of these methods (heterologous hybridization methods) depends on the similarity of the DNA sequence of the
30 genes. If the DNA sequences have at least 60% of their sequence identical, and more preferably at least 70%, then the methods are usually reliable. Sequence similarity depends mostly on evolutionary (ancestral) relationships between plants. Practically, this means
35 that either of the two genes first cloned by the

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inventors (the *Arabidopsis* and *B. napus* genes) may be used to clone the same gene in any other dicotyledonous plant (dicot), including, but not limited to soybean, tobacco, amaranth, potato, cotton, flax, bean, and pea. It is also reasonable to assume that the *Arabidopsis* or *B. napus* genes could also be used to clone the same genes from monocotyledonous plants (monocots), such as wheat, corn and barley.

The antisense effect occurs when hybridization can occur between antisense RNA and native RNA under the conditions prevailing in the cell. This may occur when the antisense RNA (and corresponding cDNA) contains as few as 20 nucleotides. More preferably, however, there should be at least 100 nucleotides in the cDNA to guarantee the required effect, and of course any larger portion up to the entire cDNA may be employed. In short, therefore, for effective antisense technology, the DNA sequence introduced into the plant genome should preferably be at least 20 consecutive nucleotides corresponding the native squalene epoxidase gene, and more preferably between 100 and the full DNA sequence of the gene. The homology of the added sequence may be at least 60%, and more preferably at least 70%, of the native plant gene.

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B) Ribozyme Technology

Another method for downregulating gene expression by affecting mRNA levels is ribozyme technology. Ribozymes are RNA molecules capable of catalyzing the cleavage of RNA and other nucleic acids. In nature, Tetrahymena preribosomal RNA, some viroids, virusoids and satellites RNAs of plant viruses perform self-cleavage reactions. The cleavage site for some plant pathogenic RNAs consists of a consensus structure, called the "hammerhead" motif. The cleavage occurs within this hammerhead 3' to a GUX

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triplet, where X can be C, U, or A. The nucleotide region directing the catalysis of the cleavage reaction can be separated from the region where the cleavage occurs and the recognition of the target RNA can be modified by changing the nucleotide sequence of the regions flanking the cleavage site. As a consequence, ribozymes can be designed to catalyze cleavage reactions on targeted sequences of separate RNA substrates. This provides a means of regulating gene expression, if the DNA sequence of the gene is known.

In order to genetically engineer the down-regulation of a particular gene in plants, a vector can be constructed for transformation that includes one or more units, each of which may include a transcriptional promoter and a sequence encoding a ribozyme designed to cleave RNA transcribed from the gene or genes of interest. An example of this in plants has been provided by Schreier and co-workers (Steinecke et al. 1992, Wegener et al. 1994) in which a ribozyme was designed against neomycin phosphotransferase mRNA. Separate DNA constructs encoding the ribozyme and the neomycin phosphotransferase (npt) gene were used to transform plants. In plants containing both constructs, a reduction neomycin phosphotransferase activity was observed relative to plants transformed with only the npt gene construct.

Ribozyme technology also appears to be successful in other eukaryotes, such as the fruit fly (Zhao and Pick, 1993).

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C) Co-suppression or Homology-Dependent Gene Silencing

When attempts have been made to overexpress homologous genes in plants, often a small fraction of the resulting transgenic plants are found to have very low levels of expression of both the native gene and the

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introduced gene (transgene). This phenomenon has been called co-suppression or homology-dependent gene silencing (Stam et al. 1996, Matzke and Matzke 1995). The mechanism by which co-suppression occurs is very poorly understood. However, advantage can be taken of the phenomenon to down-regulate the expression of a gene of interest. This can be accomplished by transforming a plant with a DNA construct which contains a strong transcriptional promoter driving the sense transcription of a DNA sequence with high similarity to the gene of interest. For example, when the chalcone synthase gene was introduced into petunia in an attempt to overproduce chalcone synthase (which is involved in flower pigment biosynthesis), some transgenic plants showed pigment patterns and enzyme levels that indicated the suppression of chalcone synthase gene expression (Jorgensen 1990). Investigation of examples such as these has shown that the effect is often associated with repetition of the transgene inserts in the plant genome. Cosuppression may be dependent on the coding region of a gene or on the promoter and other non-coding regions.

Thus, the down-regulation of squalene epoxidase in plants may be engineered with the use of cDNA sequence that are disclosed herein, or with plant genomic sequences which may include the promoter or promoters of squalene epoxidase genes.

D) Other variations

Variations on the process of increasing squalene in plants include the use of different promoter sequences which may give rise to increased squalene in other tissues and at various stages of development. For example, the use of the cauliflower mosaic virus promoter is likely to have an effect in most plant

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tissues. Other seed-specific and tissue-specific promoter may also be used.

Also, other plant transformation methods may be used such as the particle gun technique (Christou 1993).

5 As well, other vectors, selectable markers, transcription terminators, etc., may be used (Guerineau and Mullineaux 1993).

It has already been observed that overexpression of a fragment of the hamster 3-hydroxymethyl-3-glutaryl CoA
10 reductase (HMGR) gene in plants can elevate squalene levels in plants (Chappell et al. 1994). This is likely due to the fact that the level of HMGR limits the flow of carbon through the mevalonate/sterol pathway that includes squalene. It would be expected that a
15 combination of elevated HMGR levels and down-regulated squalene epoxidase levels would have an effect on raising squalene levels that would be larger than the effect of either elevated HMGR alone or down-regulated squalene epoxidase alone.

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Experimental Detail

IDENTIFICATION OF THE SQUALENE EPOXIDASE GENE

The DNA sequence of the squalene epoxidase gene of
25 yeast was published by Jandrositz et al. (1991). Using the TBLASTN™ computer search program (Altschul et al. 1990) and the yeast squalene epoxidase (predicted) amino acid sequence, the sequence was used to search a database which included partial cDNA sequences called "the Non-
30 Redundant database" maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in the United States. This database is a non-redundant nucleotide database made up of:

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pdb

Brookhaven Protein Data Bank, April 1994 Release

genbank

Genbank Release 87.0, February 15, 1995

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gbupdate Genbank® cumulative updates to genbank major release
embl EMBL data library, Release 41.0, December 1994
emblu E MBL Data Library, cumulative updates to embl major release

5 maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology
Information (NCBI), National Library of Medicine,
National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD 20894,
U.S.A.).

The database included expressed sequence tags
10 (ESTs), i.e. partial sequences of more-or-less randomly
chosen cDNA clones. This search identified the
Arabidopsis thaliana cDNA clone 129F12T7 (Genbank
accession no. T44667) as a putative squalene epoxidase
gene. This clone was the seventh highest scoring
15 sequence in this search and the highest scoring plant
sequence. The P(N) of 1.9×10^{-5} was considered
borderline significant. The single high-scoring pair
(HSP) of subsequences found was a stretch of 46
nucleotides with 21 positions identical (45%). Searches
20 with the T44667 sequence revealed that a large portion of
the 46 nucleotide region (29 nucleotides) matches a
sequence motif found in a variety of enzymes that bound
adenine dinucleotides, such as flavin adenine
dinucleotide (FAD; which at least some squalene
25 epoxidases are known to use as a cofactor; see Wierenga
et al. 1986). So, in fact, the search, done when only
the partial DNA sequence (T44667) was available,
suggested the possibility, but did not confirm that
T44667 corresponded to a squalene epoxidase gene.

30 The 129F12T7 clone was obtained and its DNA
sequenced completely by the inventors at the Plant
Biotech Institute of the National Research Council of
Canada at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The DNA
sequence of the cDNA insert of p129F12T7 is shown in the
35 Sequence Listing (see later) as SEQ ID NO: 1. After the
full sequence of the insert of p129F12T7 was obtained,

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the Non-Redundant Protein Database (NCBI) was searched using the BLAST™ software (Altschul et al. 1990) (NCBI) based on the predicted amino acid sequence. The amino acid sequence corresponding to the open reading frame of 5 SEQ ID NO:1 are shown in the Sequence Listing as SEQ ID NO:2. The *Arabidopsis* sequence gave the highest scoring matches with squalene epoxidase sequences including that of rat ($P(N)=5 \times 10^{-60}$) and yeast ($P(N)=9.2 \times 10^{-33}$). No sequences which had been reliably identified had $P(N)$ 10 values less than 10^{-6} . These numbers indicate that the product of the *Arabidopsis* gene is, in all probability, squalene epoxidase.

The 129F12T7 clone was used to probe a *B. napus* cDNA library, obtained from Dr. Edward Tsang of the Plant 15 Biotech Institute. Two independent clones, pDR111 and pDR411 were isolated and sequenced. The Sequence Listing shows the DNA sequences of the cDNA inserts of pDR111 [SEQ ID NO:3] and pDR411 [SEQ ID NO:5] and the amino acid sequences corresponding to the coding regions of SEQ ID 20 NO:3 [SEQ ID NO:4] and SEQ ID NO:5 [SEQ ID NO:11]. pDR111 and pDR411 have similar (but not identical) DNA sequences which are also similar to the 129F12T7 sequence. Plasmids p129F12T7, pDR111 and pDR411 were deposited at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 25 12901 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20852-1776, USA, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on January 9, 1997 and were accepted. The deposit numbers are, respectively, ATCC 97847, ATCC 97846 and ATCC 97845. A single deposit receipt and statement of viability was 30 issued for all three deposits on January 17, 1997.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows an alignment of amino acid sequences for the 129F12T7 clone [SEQ ID NO:2], the pDR111 clone [SEQ ID NO:4] and the pDR411 [SEQ ID NO:11] clone, along with the squalene 35 epoxidase sequences amino acid sequences for mouse [SEQ ID NO:6], rat [SEQ ID NO:7] and yeast [SEQ ID NO:8]. The

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plant sequence show blocks of high similarity to the non-plant sequences, including the region thought to correspond to an adenine dinucleotide-binding site (residues 45-88 of the *Arabidopsis* sequence; Wierenga et al. 1986; Sakakibara et al. 1995), as well as in the C-terminal half of the sequence. The amino acid sequence similarities based on this alignment are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Amino acid sequence similarities
calculated by MEGALIGN™ software for the sequence
alignment of Figure 1.

	PDR411 Predicted Amino Acid Sequence	p129F12T7 Predicted Amino Acid Sequence	Mouse Squalene Epoxidase Predicted Amino Acid Sequence	Rat Squalene Epoxidase Predicted Amino Acid Sequence	Yeast Squalene Epoxidase Predicted Amino Acid Sequence
pDR111 Predicted Amino Acid Sequence	74.8	59.6	27.0	26.4	21.5
pDR411 Predicted Amino Acid Sequence		62.9	29.2	27.8	21.3
p129F12T7 Predicted Amino Acid Sequence			27.3	26.1	20.9
Mouse Squalene Epoxidase Predicted Amino Acid Sequence				91.8	30.4
Rat Squalene Epoxidase Predicted Amino Acid Sequence					30.4

Analysis of the pDR411 sequence suggests it has an
intron in the 3'-end of its amino acid coding region
which is, of course, unusual in cDNA. If nucleotides
1473-1629 (inclusive) are removed from the sequence and

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the cDNA translated, the C-terminus is more similar to the pDR111 and p129F12T7 amino acid sequences [SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:2]. Also, there are sequence patterns in this region that are common to other plant introns (5' and 3' splice consensus sequences and high AT content (Goodall and Filipowicz, 1991)). This may mean that the pDR411 clone represents an intermediate or precursor RNA, rather than the final messenger RNA (mRNA). There can therefore be less certainty in predicting the full amino acid sequence corresponding to pDR411, although this predicted sequence is shown in Fig. 1 [SEQ ID NO:11]. However, the possible presence of a small intron in the 3'-end of pDR411 does not cause a problem for its use in antisense techniques.

Employing the plant squalene epoxidase sequences, transgenic plants can be generated which accumulate squalene in their seeds. This can be done by established genetic transformation methods using DNA constructs that include the napin or other seed-specific promoters (Kridl, 1988; Anonymous, 1995) and fragments of plant squalene epoxidase genes arranged in the antisense orientation. Downregulation of the squalene epoxidase gene in seeds by antisense technology (Inouye, 1990; Bourque, 1995) will prevent the conversion of squalene to squalene epoxide and result in squalene accumulation.

ISOLATION OF SQUALENE EPOXIDASE GENE IN *B. NAPUS*

The 129F12T7 clone obtained as described above was used to probe for the homologous gene in *B. napus* as follows.

Unless otherwise noted all molecular biology methods were performed as described in Ausubel et al. (1994).

The Arabidopsis 129F12T7 DNA Probe

The plasmid p129F12T7 was digested with the restriction enzymes Sal I and Not I. The resulting DNA

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fragments were separated by agarose gel electrophoresis.

The 1.8kb Sal I/Not I DNA fragment corresponding to the *Arabidopsis* squalene epoxidase cDNA was purified from a gel band. A radiolabelled DNA probe was prepared by the random priming method and [α - 32 P]-dCTP (deoxycytidine triphosphate).

Library Screening

10 The probe produced as above was used to screen a *B. napus* cDNA library, kindly provided by Dr. Edward Tsang of the Plant Biotechnology Institute (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada). To construct the library, *B. napus* seedlings (cv. Westar) were grown (on half strength
15 Murashige and Skoog agar (1%) medium supplemented with 1% sucrose) in the dark at 22°C for two weeks after germination and exposed to light for 24 hours. PolyA+ RNA was extracted from the seedlings and first strand cDNA synthesis was primed with an oligo dT/Not I
20 adapter/primer. Sal I adapters were ligated after second strand cDNA synthesis and a library was constructed in Not I/Sal I arms of the LambdaZipLox vector (Life Technologies).

The library was plated using standard methods and
25 the Y1090 strain of *E. coli*. Approximately 25,000 plaques from the library were plated, lifted onto Hybond®-C nylon membranes (Amersham) and hybridized with the above probe according to the manufacturer's instructions. After two rounds of plaque purification,
30 two independent clones, pDR111 and pDR411 were isolated by *in vivo* excision.

The p129F12T7, pDR111 and pDR411 clones were sequenced using the PRISM® DyeDeoxy Terminator Cycle Sequencing System (Perkin Elmer/Applied Biosystems) and a

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Model 373 DNA Sequencer (Applied Biosystems). DNA sequences were assembled and analyzed using the Lasergene® suite of software (DNASTAR, Inc.) and BLAST® and related software of the NCBI.

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CONSTRUCTION OF VECTORS FOR PLANT TRANSFORMATION

Figs. 2, 3 and 4 show three vectors constructed for plant transformation, namely pSE129A, pSE111A and pSE411A. In these drawings, the following abbreviations
10 are used:

nost	3'-terminus of the nopaline synthase gene
SE129	Sal I/Not I insert of p129F12T7
SE111	Sal I/Xba I fragment of the insert of pDR111
15 SE411	Sal I/Not I insert of pDR411
Napin P	napin gene promoter (Josefsson 1986).

All other elements are described by Guerineau and Mullineaux (1993), Thomas et al. (1992) and Beban (1984).

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These plasmids were constructed as follows.

pDH1

The plasmid pE35SNT was obtained from Raju Datla
25 (Plant Biotechnology Institute, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada). It contains a double 35S promoter and nopaline synthase (Nos) terminator (Datla, 1992) in pUC19. It was digested with Hind III and Xba I to remove the double 35S promoter. The napin promoter (Josefsson et al. 1987) was
30 isolated from pNap (obtained from Ravi Jain, Plant Biotechnology Institute, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) by Hind III and Xba I digestion. The plasmid pDH1 was produced by ligation of the large pE35SNT/Hind III/Xba I fragment and the Hind III/Xba I napin promoter fragment.
35 Thus, pDH1 contained the napin promoter and the Nos

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terminator between the Hind III and EcoR I sites of the pUC19 vector.

pSE129A

5 The p129F12T7 plasmid was digested with Pst I and Hind III. The fragment containing the *Arabidopsis* squalene epoxidase cDNA was ligated to the Pst I- and Hind III-digested vector pTrcHisB (INVITROGEN®) to give the circular plasmid pTrcHis129. pTrcHis129 was digested 10 with Xba I and BamH I and the squalene epoxidase cDNA fragment was ligated into Xba I- and BamH I-digested pDH1. The resulting plasmid pDH129A contained the squalene epoxidase cDNA in antisense orientation downstream from the napin promoter and upstream of the 15 Nos terminator. pDH129A was digested with Hind III and partially digested EcoR I and the fragment containing napin promoter, squalene epoxidase cDNA and Nos terminator was ligated into Hind III- and EcoR I-digested pRD400 (a binary vector for plant transformation 20 containing a gene conferring kanamycin resistance; (Datla et al. 1992)) to give pSE129A.

pSE111A

25 I. The pDR111 plasmid was digested with Sma I and Xba I. The fragment containing a *B. napus* squalene epoxidase cDNA (excluding a small part of the 3' end downstream of the Xba I site) was ligated to the large fragment of Sma I- and Xba I-digested pDH129 vector (containing the napin promoter and Nos terminator) to give the circular plasmid 30 pDH111A. pDH111A contained the squalene epoxidase cDNA in antisense orientation downstream from the napin promoter and upstream of the Nos terminator. pDH111A was digested with Hind III and partially with EcoR I and the fragment containing napin promoter, cDNA and Nos 35 terminator was ligated into Hind III- and EcoR I-digested pRD400 to give pSE111A.

pSE411A

The pDR411 plasmid was digested with Sma I and Xba I. The fragment containing a *B. napus* squalene epoxidase cDNA was ligated to the large fragment of Sma I- and Xba I-digested pDH129A vector (containing the napin promoter and Nos terminator and excluding the *Arabidopsis* cDNA sequence) to give the circular plasmid pDH411A. pDH411A contained the squalene epoxidase cDNA in antisense orientation downstream from the napin promoter and upstream of the Nos terminator. pDH411A was digested with EcoR I and partially digested with Hind III and the fragment containing napin promoter, squalene epoxidase cDNA and Nos terminator was ligated into Hind III- and EcoR I-digested pRD400 (Datla et al. 1992) to give pSE411A.

The final vectors pSE129A, pSE111A and pSE411A were deposited on March 5, 1997 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at the American Type Culture Collection, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852, USA; under deposit nos. ATCC 97910, ATCC 97909 and ATCC 97908, respectively). These vectors were introduced into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain GV3101 (bearing helper plasmid pMP90; Koncz and Schell, 1986) by electroporation.

PLANT GROWTH CONDITIONS

All *A. thaliana* control and transgenic plants were grown in controlled growth chambers, under continuous fluorescent illumination ($150-200 \mu\text{E} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$) at 22°C, as described by Katavic et al. (1995).

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The pSE129A construct was tested in *A. thaliana* by in planta transformation techniques.

Wild type (WT) *A. thaliana* plants of ecotype Columbia were grown in soil. In planta transformation was performed by vacuum infiltration (Bechtold et al. 1993) with overnight bacterial suspension of *A. tumefaciens* strain GV3101 bearing helper nopaline plasmid pMP90 (disarmed Ti plasmid with intact vir region acting in trans, gentamycin and kanamycin selection markers; Koncz and Schell (1986)) and binary vector pSE129A.

After infiltration, plants were grown to set seeds (T_1 generation). Dry seeds (T_1 generation of seeds) were harvested in bulk and screened on selective medium with 50 mg/L kanamycin. After two to three weeks on selective medium, surviving seedlings were transferred to soil. Mature seeds from these seedlings (T_2 seeds) were used for squalene analysis. Mature seeds from untransformed wild type (WT) Columbia plants and pRD400 transgenic plants (binary vector pRD400, containing only kanamycin selection marker; Datla et al. 1992) were used as controls in analyses of seed lipids.

Seed Analysis

Seeds were analyzed for squalene levels as follows:

In all steps, care was taken to avoid contamination from external sources, particularly human skin. 5-10mg of *Arabidopsis* seeds were weighed and rinsed with hexane to remove any external contamination. 1 ml of 7.5% KOH (in 95% methanol) was added to each sample and 250ng of squalane were added as internal standard. (Squalane is the hydrogenated form of squalene.) Seeds were homogenized with a Polytron® (Model PRO200, PRO Scientific) at maximum speed for 40 seconds. The head of

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the Polytron was washed with 1 ml of 7.5% KOH (in 95% methanol) and the wash was pooled with the homogenate. The mixture was incubated at 80°C for 1 hr, then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was centrifuged at 3000 g for 5 min, and the supernatant was transferred to a fresh tube. One ml of H₂O and 1.5 ml of hexane were added to the supernatant and, after vortexing, the mixture was centrifuged at 3000 g for 5 minutes. The hexane (top) layer was transferred to another test tube. 10 The aqueous phase was re-extracted with 1.5 ml hexane and the hexane fractions were pooled. The hexane fraction was extracted with 1 ml of water/methanol/KOH (50:50:2) and evaporated under nitrogen. The residue was dissolved in 50 ul of hexane and transferred to an autosampler 15 vial. Gas-liquid chromatography was performed with a DB5 column (J & W Scientific, USA) using the following parameters:

Column Temperature :	0-1 min	180°C
	1-16 min	180-280°C
		(linear ramp)
	16-30 min	280°C
Injector Temperature		275°C
Detector Temperature		300°C.

25 Transgenic Results

Seeds from 9 *Arabidopsis* lines transformed with pRD400 and 55 lines transformed with pSE129A were analyzed for squalene content. Table 2 below shows the 30 results for all of the pRD400 transgenic lines and 4 pSE129A lines.

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Table 2

Line	Vector	Squalene ug/g dry weight	Standard Deviation of 3 Assays
k401	PRD400	4.04	0.5
k402	PRD400	4.71	0.16
k403	PRD400	4.39	0.34
k404	PRD400	4.86	0.75
k405	PRD400	3.92	0.92
k406	PRD400	4.04	1.68
k409	PRD400	5.03	0.85
k410	PRD400	6.09	1.22
k411	PRD400	4.57	1.26
k9	pSE129A	9.96	1.59
k12	pSE129A	11.34	2.01
k50	pSE129A	12.38	0.35
k54	pSE129A	9.76	1.43

The mean and standard deviation of the 9 PRD400 lines is 5 4.6 and 0.7, respectively.

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(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: Process for Raising Squalene Levels in Plants
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(iv) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

- (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
- (B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
- (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
- (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.30 (EPO)

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Met Leu Ile Pro Thr Asn Ala Ala Ala Tyr Arg Arg Asn Tyr Ile Ala
 500 505 510

Thr Thr Thr Val
 515

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1748 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Brassica napus

(B) STRAIN: Westar

(D) DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE: 14 day greening-etiolated

(F) TISSUE TYPE: hypocotyls

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

(A) LIBRARY: Tsang

(B) CLONE: pDR111

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: 5'UTR

(B) LOCATION:1..18

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION:19..1575

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: 3'UTR

(B) LOCATION:1576..1748

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

CCACGCGTCC GAAAAGAT ATG GAT ATG GCT TTT GTC GAA GTT TGT TTA CGG	51
Met Asp Met Ala Phe Val Glu Val Cys Leu Arg	
520 525	
ATG CTA CTT GTC TTC GTA CTG TCT TGG ACG ATA TTT CAC GTC AAC AAC	99
Met Leu Leu Val Phe Val Leu Ser Trp Thr Ile Phe His Val Asn Asn	
530 535 540	
AGG AAG AAG AAG AAG GCG ACG AAG TTG GCG GAT CTG GCT ACT GAG GAG	147
Arg Lys Lys Lys Lys Ala Thr Lys Leu Ala Asp Leu Ala Thr Glu Glu	
545 550 555 560	

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AGA AAA GAA GGT GGC CCT GAC GTC ATA ATA GTC GGA GCT GGA GTG GGC	195
Arg Lys Glu Gly Gly Pro Asp Val Ile Ile Val Gly Ala Gly Val Gly	
565 570 575	
GGC TCA GCT CTC GCC TAT GCT CTT GCT AAG GAC GGG CGT CGA GTA CAT	243
Gly Ser Ala Leu Ala Tyr Ala Leu Ala Lys Asp Gly Arg Arg Val His	
580 585 590	
GTG ATA GAA AGA GAC ATG AGA GAG CCA GTG AGA ATG ATG GGT GAG TTC	291
Val Ile Glu Arg Asp Met Arg Glu Pro Val Arg Met Met Gly Glu Phe	
595 600 605	
ATG CAG CCA GGA GGA CGG CTC ATG CTT TCT AAG CTC GGT CTT CAA GAT	339
Met Gln Pro Gly Gly Arg Leu Met Leu Ser Lys Leu Gly Leu Gln Asp	
610 615 620	
TGT TTA GAG GAA ATA GAC GCA CAG AAA TCC ACC GGC ATA AGA CTT TTT	387
Cys Leu Glu Glu Ile Asp Ala Gln Lys Ser Thr Gly Ile Arg Leu Phe	
625 630 635 640	
AAG GAC GGA AAA GAA ACT GTC GCA TGT TTT CCG GTG GAC ACC AAC TTT	435
Lys Asp Gly Lys Glu Thr Val Ala Cys Phe Pro Val Asp Thr Asn Phe	
645 650 655	
CCT TAT GAA CCA TCT GGT CGA TTT TTT CAC AAT GGC CGT TTT GTC CAG	483
Pro Tyr Glu Pro Ser Gly Arg Phe Phe His Asn Gly Arg Phe Val Gln	
660 665 670	
AGA CTG CGC CAA AAG GCC TCT TCT CTT CCC AAT GTG CGG CTG GAA GAA	531
Arg Leu Arg Gln Lys Ala Ser Ser Leu Pro Asn Val Arg Leu Glu Glu	
675 680 685	
GGG ACC GTC CGA TCT TTG ATA GAA GAA AAA GGA GTG GTC AAA GGA GTG	579
Gly Thr Val Arg Ser Leu Ile Glu Glu Lys Gly Val Val Lys Gly Val	
690 695 700	
ACA TAC AAG AAC AGT TCA GGG GAA GAA ACC ACA TCA TTT GCA CCT CTC	627
Thr Tyr Lys Asn Ser Ser Gly Glu Glu Thr Thr Ser Phe Ala Pro Leu	
705 710 715 720	

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ACT GTC GTA TGC GAT GGT TGC CAC TCG AAC CTT CGT CGC TCT CTA AAT	675
Thr Val Val Cys Asp Gly Cys His Ser Asn Leu Arg Arg Ser Leu Asn	
725 730 735	
GAC AAC AAT GCG GAG GTT ACG GCG TAC GAG ATT GGT TAC ATC TCG AGG	723
Asp Asn Asn Ala Glu Val Thr Ala Tyr Glu Ile Gly Tyr Ile Ser Arg	
740 745 750	
AAT TGT CGC CTT GAA CAG CCC GAC AAG TTA CAC TTG ATA ATG GCT AAA	771
Asn Cys Arg Leu Glu Gln Pro Asp Lys Leu His Leu Ile Met Ala Lys	
755 760 765	
CCG TCT TTC GCC ATG TTG TAT CAA GTC AGC AGC ACC GAC GTT CGT TGT	819
Pro Ser Phe Ala Met Leu Tyr Gln Val Ser Ser Thr Asp Val Arg Cys	
770 775 780	
AAT TTT GAG CTT CTC TCC AAA AAT CTT CCT TCT GTT TCA AAT GGT GAA	867
Asn Phe Glu Leu Leu Ser Lys Asn Leu Pro Ser Val Ser Asn Gly Glu	
785 790 795 800	
ATG ACG TCC TTC GTG AGG AAC TCT ATT GCT CCC CAG GTA CCT CTA AAA	915
Met Thr Ser Phe Val Arg Asn Ser Ile Ala Pro Gln Val Pro Leu Lys	
805 810 815	
CTC CGC AAA ACA TTT TTG AAA GGG CTC GAT GAG GGA TCA CAT ATA AAA	963
Leu Arg Lys Thr Phe Leu Lys Gly Leu Asp Glu Gly Ser His Ile Lys	
820 825 830	
ATT ACA CAA GCA AAG CGC ATC CCA GCT ACT TTG AGC AGA AAA AAG GGA	1011
Ile Thr Gln Ala Lys Arg Ile Pro Ala Thr Leu Ser Arg Lys Lys Gly	
835 840 845	
GTG ATT GTG TTG GGA GAT GCA TTC AAC ATG CGT CAT CCC GTA ATC GCG	1059
Val Ile Val Leu Gly Asp Ala Phe Asn Met Arg His Pro Val Ile Ala	
850 855 860	
TCG GGG ATG ATG GTT TTA TTG TCT GAC ATT CTC ATT CTA AGC CGT CTT	1107
Ser Gly Met Met Val Leu Leu Ser Asp Ile Leu Ile Leu Ser Arg Leu	
865 870 875 880	

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CTC AAG CCT TTG GGC AAC CTC GGT GAT GAA AAC AAA GTC TCA GAA GTT Leu Lys Pro Leu Gly Asn Leu Gly Asp Glu Asn Lys Val Ser Glu Val 885 890 895	1155
ATG AAG TCC TTC TAT GCT CTA CGC AAG CCA ATG TCA GCA ACA GTA AAC Met Lys Ser Phe Tyr Ala Leu Arg Lys Pro Met Ser Ala Thr Val Asn 900 905 910	1203
ACA CTA GGG AAT TCA TTT TGG CAA GTG CTA ATT GCT TCA ACG GAC GAA Thr Leu Gly Asn Ser Phe Trp Gln Val Leu Ile Ala Ser Thr Asp Glu 915 920 925	1251
GCA AAA GAG GCC ATG CGA CAA GGT TGC TTT GAT TAC CTC TCT AGT GGT Ala Lys Glu Ala Met Arg Gln Gly Cys Phe Asp Tyr Leu Ser Ser Gly 930 935 940	1299
GGG TTT CGC ACG TCA GGC TTG ATG GCT CTG ATT GGT GGC ATG AAC CCT Gly Phe Arg Thr Ser Gly Leu Met Ala Leu Ile Gly Gly Met Asn Pro 945 950 955 960	1347
AGG CCA CTT TCT CTC TTC TAT CAT CTA TTC GTT ATT TCT TTA TCC TCC Arg Pro Leu Ser Leu Phe Tyr His Leu Phe Val Ile Ser Leu Ser Ser 965 970 975	1395
ATT GGC CAA CTG CTC TCT CCA TTC CCC ACT CCT CTT CGT GTT TGG CAT Ile Gly Gln Leu Leu Ser Pro Phe Pro Thr Pro Leu Arg Val Trp His 980 985 990	1443
AGC CTC AGA CTT CTT GAT TTG TCT TTG AAA ATG TTG GTT CCT CAT CTC Ser Leu Arg Leu Leu Asp Leu Ser Leu Lys Met Leu Val Pro His Leu 995 1000 1005	1491
AAG GCC GAA GGA ATA GGT CAA ATG TTG TCT CCA ACA AAT GCA GCG GCG Lys Ala Glu Gly Ile Gly Gln Met Leu Ser Pro Thr Asn Ala Ala Ala 1010 1015 1020	1539
TAT CGC AAA AGC TAT ATG GCT GCA ACC GTT GTC TAG ACATTGATGA Tyr Arg Lys Ser Tyr Met Ala Ala Thr Val Val 1025 1030 1035	1585

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AATATAGATG GTGCACAAAT CTTTGTGATT GTGGATTGTG GAAAATAGTA TTGCAATATG 1645
 TTACTGAAGA AACTTTTCCT TATCCACTTA TAAGTGGAAG TAGGAAGAAT GTGTATATAT 1705
 GTAAGGGGTG ACAATTATTT TGAAATAAAA TTAAGAAAAT AAC 1748

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 518 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

Met Asp Met Ala Phe Val Glu Val Cys Leu Arg Met Leu Leu Val Phe
 1 5 10 15
 Val Leu Ser Trp Thr Ile Phe His Val Asn Asn Arg Lys Lys Lys Lys
 20 25 30
 Ala Thr Lys Leu Ala Asp Leu Ala Thr Glu Glu Arg Lys Glu Gly Gly
 35 40 45
 Pro Asp Val Ile Ile Val Gly Ala Gly Val Gly Gly Ser Ala Leu Ala
 50 55 60
 Tyr Ala Leu Ala Lys Asp Gly Arg Arg Val His Val Ile Glu Arg Asp
 65 70 75 80
 Met Arg Glu Pro Val Arg Met Met Gly Glu Phe Met Gln Pro Gly Gly
 85 90 95
 Arg Leu Met Leu Ser Lys Leu Gly Leu Gln Asp Cys Leu Glu Glu Ile
 100 105 110
 Asp Ala Gln Lys Ser Thr Gly Ile Arg Leu Phe Lys Asp Gly Lys Glu
 115 120 125

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Thr Val Ala Cys Phe Pro Val Asp Thr Asn Phe Pro Tyr Glu Pro Ser
 130 135 140

Gly Arg Phe Phe His Asn Gly Arg Phe Val Gln Arg Leu Arg Gln Lys
 145 150 155 160

Ala Ser Ser Leu Pro Asn Val Arg Leu Glu Glu Gly Thr Val Arg Ser
 165 170 175

Leu Ile Glu Glu Lys Gly Val Val Lys Gly Val Thr Tyr Lys Asn Ser
 180 185 190

Ser Gly Glu Glu Thr Thr Ser Phe Ala Pro Leu Thr Val Val Cys Asp
 195 200 205

Gly Cys His Ser Asn Leu Arg Arg Ser Leu Asn Asp Asn Asn Ala Glu
 210 215 220

Val Thr Ala Tyr Glu Ile Gly Tyr Ile Ser Arg Asn Cys Arg Leu Glu
 225 230 235 240

Gln Pro Asp Lys Leu His Leu Ile Met Ala Lys Pro Ser Phe Ala Met
 245 250 255

Leu Tyr Gln Val Ser Ser Thr Asp Val Arg Cys Asn Phe Glu Leu Leu
 260 265 270

Ser Lys Asn Leu Pro Ser Val Ser Asn Gly Glu Met Thr Ser Phe Val
 275 280 285

Arg Asn Ser Ile Ala Pro Gln Val Pro Leu Lys Leu Arg Lys Thr Phe
 290 295 300

Leu Lys Gly Leu Asp Glu Gly Ser His Ile Lys Ile Thr Gln Ala Lys
 305 310 315 320

Arg Ile Pro Ala Thr Leu Ser Arg Lys Lys Gly Val Ile Val Leu Gly
 325 330 335

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Asp Ala Phe Asn Met Arg His Pro Val Ile Ala Ser Gly Met Met Val
 340 345 350

Leu Leu Ser Asp Ile Leu Ile Leu Ser Arg Leu Leu Lys Pro Leu Gly
 355 360 365

Asn Leu Gly Asp Glu Asn Lys Val Ser Glu Val Met Lys Ser Phe Tyr
 370 375 380

Ala Leu Arg Lys Pro Met Ser Ala Thr Val Asn Thr Leu Gly Asn Ser
 385 390 395 400

Phe Trp Gln Val Leu Ile Ala Ser Thr Asp Glu Ala Lys Glu Ala Met
 405 410 415

Arg Gln Gly Cys Phe Asp Tyr Leu Ser Ser Gly Gly Phe Arg Thr Ser
 420 425 430

Gly Leu Met Ala Leu Ile Gly Gly Met Asn Pro Arg Pro Leu Ser Leu
 435 440 445

Phe Tyr His Leu Phe Val Ile Ser Leu Ser Ser Ile Gly Gln Leu Leu
 450 455 460

Ser Pro Phe Pro Thr Pro Leu Arg Val Trp His Ser Leu Arg Leu Leu
 465 470 475 480

Asp Leu Ser Leu Lys Met Leu Val Pro His Leu Lys Ala Glu Gly Ile
 485 490 495

Gly Gln Met Leu Ser Pro Thr Asn Ala Ala Ala Tyr Arg Lys Ser Tyr
 500 505 510

Met Ala Ala Thr Val Val
 515

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1893 base pairs

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 - (A) ORGANISM: *Bassica napus*
 - (B) STRAIN: Westar
 - (D) DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE: 14 day greening-etiolated
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: hypocotyls
- (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:
 - (A) LIBRARY: Tsang
 - (B) CLONE: pDR411
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: 5'UTR
 - (B) LOCATION:1..28
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: exon
 - (B) LOCATION:29..1466
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: intron
 - (B) LOCATION:1467..1623
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: exon
 - (B) LOCATION:1624..1697
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: 3'UTR
 - (B) LOCATION:1698..1893

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

CCACGCGTCC GCGGACGCGT GGGCAGATAT GGATCTAGCT TTTCCGCACG TTTGTTTGTG	60
GACGCTACTC GCCTTTGTGC TGAATTGGAC AGTGTCTTAC GTCAACAACA GGAGGAAGAA	120
GGTGGCGAAG TTACCCGATG CCGCGACAGA GGTGAGAAGA GACGGTGATG CTGACGTCAT	180
CATCGTCGGA GCTGGTGTG GAGGTTGAGC TCTGCTTAC GCTCTTGCAA AGGATGGGCG	240
TCGAGTACAT GTGATAGAGA GGGACATGAG GGAACCAAGT AGAATGATGG GTGAATTAT	300
GCAACCCGGT GGACGACTAC TGCTTTCTAA GCTTGGTCTT GAAGATTGTT TGGAGGGAAT	360
AGATGAACAG ATAGCCACAG GCTTAACAGT TTATAAGGAC GGACAAAAAG CACTCGTGTC	420
TTTTCCAGAG GACAACGACT TTCCTTATGA ACCTACTGGT CGAGCTTTTT ATAATGGCCG	480
TTTTGTCCAG AGACTGCGCC AAAAGGCTTC TTCGCTCCCC ACTGTACAAC TTGAAGAAGG	540
GACTGTAAAA TCTTTGATAG AAGAAAAAGG AGTGATCAAA GGAGTGACAT ACAAGAATAG	600
TGCAGGCGAA GAAACGACTG CATTTCACCC TCTCACAGT GTATGCGACG GTTGCTATTC	660
AAACCTTCGT CGGTCTGTTA ACGACAACAA TGCGGAGGTT ATATCGTACC AAGTTGGTTA	720
CCTCTCAAAG AATTGTCAGC TTGAAGATCC TGAAAAGTTA AAATTGATAA TGTCTAAACC	780
TTCCTTCACC ATGTTGTATC AAATAAGCAG CACCGATGTT CGTTGTGTTA TGGAGATTTT	840
CCCCGGCAAT ATTCTTCTA TTCAAATGG CGAAATGGCT GTTTATTGTA AAAATACTAT	900
GGCTCCTCAG GTACCTCCAG AACTCCGCAA AATATTTTGG AAAGGAATTG ATGAGGGAGC	960
ACAAATTAAA GCGATGCCAA CAAAGAGAAT GGAAGCTACT TTGAGCGAAA AGCAAGGAGT	1020
GATTGTGTTG GGAGATGCAT TCAACATGCG CCACCCAGCG ATTGCCTCTG GAATGATGGT	1080
TGTATTATCT GACATTCTCA TTCTACGCCG CTTCTCCAG CCATTGCGAA ACCTCAGTGA	1140

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TGCAAATAAA GTATCAGAAG TTATTAAGTC ATTTTATGTC ATCCGAAAGC CAATGTCAGC 1200

GACGGTGAAC ACGCTAGGAA ATGCATTTTC TCAAGTGCTA ATTGCATCTA CGGACGAAGC 1260

AAAAGAAGCG ATGCGACAAG GCTGTTTGA TTACCTCTCT AGTGGCGGCT TTCGCACGTC 1320

AGGAATGATG GCTCTGCTCG GTGGCATGAA CCCTCGACCA CTCTCTCTCA TCTTTCATCT 1380

ATGTGGTATT ACTCTATCCT CCATTGGTCA ACTGCTCTCG CCATTTCAT CTCTCTTGG 1440

CATTTGGCAT AGCCTCAGAC TTTTGGTGT AAGTCATTAT CTCCTCCCT ATGTTATTTA 1500

CATATTTTC TTGTGTTAT ATATTTTGA AATAATTTAC AATTGAATTT TGACATTTTC 1560

TTGTTGTTA TGTGTATGCC TAATTGTCTA TGAAAATGTT GGTTCCTCAT CTTAAGGCTG 1620

AAGGGGTTAG CCAAATGCTG TCTCCAGCAT ACGCAGCCGC GTATCGCAA AGCTATATGA 1680

CCGCAACCGC TCTCTAAGCA TCGATGATAA GAACCGCGAA TGATACTATG ACATATTTGG 1740

AGCGCTAGTA TTTTGTGGTT TTGCATCCGT TAAAAATTTA AAATGTGTTG CTGTGTGTTT 1800

ACTATTATTA GTGTATTACC TGGAAAATAC CCGTGGGTAT ATTCTAAATG TATAAAATAT 1860

TGTGATAAAT AAAACGACTC TCCGTTTGGT TGG 1893

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 572 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS:
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Mus Musculus
- (B) STRAIN: B6CBA

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(D) DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE: 6-8 weeks

(F) TISSUE TYPE: liver

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

(A) LIBRARY: Lambda ZAP vector Stratagene catalog #935302

(B) CLONE: pMMSE-17

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

(A) AUTHORS: Kosuga, K.

Hata, S.

Osumi, T.

Sakakibara, J.

Ono, T.

(B) TITLE: Nucleotide sequence of a cDNA for mouse
squalene epoxidase

(C) JOURNAL: Biochim. Biophys. Acta

(D) VOLUME: 1260

(E) ISSUE: 3

(F) PAGES: 345-348

(G) DATE: 1995

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

Met Trp Thr Phe Leu Gly Ile Ala Thr Phe Thr Tyr Phe Tyr Lys Lys
1 5 10 15

Cys Gly Asp Val Thr Leu Ala Asn Lys Glu Leu Leu Leu Cys Val Leu
 20 25 30

Val Phe Leu Ser Leu Gly Leu Val Leu Ser Tyr Arg Cys Arg His Arg
35 40 45

His Gly Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg His Gln Ser Gly Ala Gln Phe Ala Ala
50 55 60

Phe Ser Asp Ile Leu Ser Ala Leu Pro Leu Ile Gly Phe Phe Trp Ala
65 70 75 80

Lys Ser Pro Glu Ser Glu Lys Lys Glu Gln Leu Glu Ser Lys Lys Cys

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85	90	95
Arg Lys Glu Ile Gly Leu Ser Glu Thr Thr Leu Thr Gly Ala Ala Thr		
100	105	110
Ser Val Ser Thr Ser Phe Val Thr Asp Pro Glu Val Ile Ile Val Gly		
115	120	125
Ser Gly Val Leu Gly Ser Ala Leu Ala Ala Val Leu Ser Arg Asp Gly		
130	135	140
Arg Lys Val Thr Val Ile Glu Arg Asp Leu Lys Glu Pro Asp Arg Ile		
145	150	155
Val Gly Glu Leu Leu Gln Pro Gly Gly Tyr Arg Val Leu Gln Glu Leu		
165	170	175
Gly Leu Gly Asp Thr Val Glu Gly Leu Asn Ala His His Ile His Gly		
180	185	190
Tyr Ile Val His Asp Tyr Glu Ser Arg Ser Glu Val Gln Ile Pro Tyr		
195	200	205
Pro Leu Ser Glu Thr Asn Gln Val Gln Ser Gly Ile Ala Phe His His		
210	215	220
Gly Arg Phe Ile Met Ser Leu Arg Lys Ala Ala Met Ala Glu Pro Asn		
225	230	235
Val Lys Phe Ile Glu Gly Val Val Leu Gln Leu Leu Glu Glu Asp Asp		
245	250	255
Ala Val Ile Gly Val Gln Tyr Lys Asp Lys Glu Thr Gly Asp Thr Lys		
260	265	270
Glu Leu His Ala Pro Leu Thr Val Val Ala Asp Gly Leu Phe Ser Lys		
275	280	285
Phe Arg Lys Ser Leu Ile Ser Ser Lys Val Ser Val Ser Ser His Phe		
290	295	300

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Val Gly Phe Leu Met Lys Asp Ala Pro Gln Phe Lys Pro Asn Phe Ala
 305 310 315 320

Glu Leu Val Leu Val Asn Pro Ser Pro Val Leu Ile Tyr Gln Ile Ser
 325 330 335

Ser Ser Glu Thr Arg Val Leu Val Asp Ile Arg Gly Glu Leu Pro Arg
 340 345 350

Asn Leu Arg Glu Tyr Met Ala Glu Gln Ile Tyr Pro Gln Leu Pro Glu
 355 360 365

His Leu Lys Glu Ser Phe Leu Glu Ala Ser Gln Asn Gly Arg Leu Arg
 370 375 380

Thr Met Pro Ala Ser Phe Leu Pro Pro Ser Ser Val Asn Lys Arg Gly
 385 390 395 400

Val Leu Ile Leu Gly Asp Ala Tyr Asn Leu Arg His Pro Leu Thr Gly
 405 410 415

Gly Gly Met Thr Val Ala Leu Lys Asp Ile Lys Leu Trp Arg Gln Leu
 420 425 430

Leu Lys Asp Ile Pro Asp Leu Tyr Asp Asp Ala Ala Ile Phe Gln Ala
 435 440 445

Lys Lys Ser Phe Phe Trp Ser Arg Lys Arg Thr His Ser Phe Val Val
 450 455 460

Asn Val Leu Ala Gln Ala Leu Tyr Glu Leu Phe Ser Ala Thr Asp Asp
 465 470 475 480

Ser Leu His Gln Leu Arg Lys Ala Cys Phe Leu Tyr Phe Lys Leu Gly
 485 490 495

Gly Glu Cys Val Thr Gly Pro Val Gly Leu Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser Pro
 500 505 510

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His Pro Leu Val Leu Ile Arg His Phe Phe Ser Val Ala Ile Tyr Ala
515 520 525

Thr Tyr Phe Cys Phe Lys Ser Glu Pro Trp Ala Thr Lys Pro Arg Ala
530 535 540

Leu Phe Ser Ser Gly Ala Val Leu Tyr Lys Ala Cys Ser Ile Leu Phe
545 550 555 560

Pro Leu Ile Tyr Ser Glu Met Lys Tyr Leu Val His
565 570

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 573 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS:
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Rattus norvegicus
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: kidney
- (H) CELL LINE: NRK

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

- (A) LIBRARY: pcD2 library of H. Okayama
- (B) CLONE: Tb-1

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

- (A) AUTHORS: Sakakibara, J.
Watanabe, R.
Kanai, R.

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Ono, T.

(B) TITLE: Molecular cloning and expression of rat
squalene epoxidase

(C) JOURNAL: J. Biol. Chem.

(D) VOLUME: 270

(E) ISSUE: 1

(F) PAGES: 17-20

(G) DATE: 1995

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

Met	Trp	Thr	Phe	Leu	Gly	Ile	Ala	Thr	Phe	Thr	Tyr	Phe	Tyr	Lys	Lys	1	5	10	15
Cys	Gly	Asp	Val	Thr	Leu	Ala	Asn	Lys	Glu	Leu	Leu	Leu	Cys	Val	Leu	20	25	30	
Val	Phe	Leu	Ser	Leu	Gly	Leu	Val	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Arg	Cys	Arg	His	Arg	35	40	45	
Asn	Gly	Gly	Leu	Leu	Gly	Arg	His	Gln	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gln	Phe	Ala	Ala	50	55	60	
Phe	Ser	Asp	Ile	Leu	Ser	Ala	Leu	Pro	Leu	Ile	Gly	Phe	Phe	Trp	Ala	65	70	75	80
Lys	Ser	Pro	Pro	Glu	Ser	Glu	Lys	Lys	Glu	Gln	Leu	Glu	Ser	Lys	Arg	85	90	95	
Arg	Arg	Lys	Glu	Val	Asn	Leu	Ser	Glu	Thr	Thr	Leu	Thr	Gly	Ala	Ala	100	105	110	
Thr	Ser	Val	Ser	Thr	Ser	Ser	Val	Thr	Asp	Pro	Glu	Val	Ile	Ile	Ile	115	120	125	
Gly	Ser	Gly	Val	Leu	Gly	Ser	Ala	Leu	Ala	Thr	Val	Leu	Ser	Arg	Asp	130	135	140	
Gly	Arg	Thr	Val	Thr	Val	Ile	Glu	Arg	Asp	Leu	Lys	Glu	Pro	Asp	Arg	145	150	155	160

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Ile Leu Gly Glu Cys Leu Gln Pro Gly Gly Tyr Arg Val Leu Arg Glu
 165 170 175

Leu Gly Leu Gly Asp Thr Val Glu Ser Leu Asn Ala His His Ile His
 180 185 190

Gly Tyr Val Ile His Asp Cys Glu Ser Arg Ser Glu Val Gln Ile Pro
 195 200 205

Tyr Pro Val Ser Glu Asn Asn Gln Val Gln Ser Gly Val Ala Phe His
 210 215 220

His Gly Lys Phe Ile Met Ser Leu Arg Lys Ala Ala Met Ala Glu Pro
 225 230 235 240

Asn Val Lys Phe Ile Glu Gly Val Val Leu Arg Leu Leu Glu Glu Asp
 245 250 255

Asp Ala Val Ile Gly Val Gln Tyr Lys Asp Lys Glu Thr Gly Asp Thr
 260 265 270

Lys Glu Leu His Ala Pro Leu Thr Val Val Ala Asp Gly Leu Phe Ser
 275 280 285

Lys Phe Arg Lys Asn Leu Ile Ser Asn Lys Val Ser Val Ser Ser His
 290 295 300

Phe Val Gly Phe Ile Met Lys Asp Ala Pro Gln Phe Lys Ala Asn Phe
 305 310 315 320

Ala Glu Leu Val Leu Val Asp Pro Ser Pro Val Leu Ile Tyr Gln Ile
 325 330 335

Ser Pro Ser Glu Thr Arg Val Leu Val Asp Ile Arg Gly Glu Leu Pro
 340 345 350

Arg Asn Leu Arg Glu Tyr Met Thr Glu Gln Ile Tyr Pro Gln Ile Pro
 355 360 365

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Asp His Leu Lys Glu Ser Phe Leu Glu Ala Cys Gln Asn Ala Arg Leu
 370 375 380

Arg Thr Met Pro Ala Ser Phe Leu Pro Pro Ser Ser Val Asn Lys Arg
 385 390 395 400

Gly Val Leu Leu Leu Gly Asp Ala Tyr Asn Leu Arg His Pro Leu Thr
 405 410 415

Gly Gly Gly Met Thr Val Ala Leu Lys Asp Ile Lys Ile Trp Arg Gln
 420 425 430

Leu Leu Lys Asp Ile Pro Asp Leu Tyr Asp Asp Ala Ala Ile Phe Gln
 435 440 445

Ala Lys Lys Ser Phe Phe Trp Ser Arg Lys Arg Ser His Ser Phe Val
 450 455 460

Val Asn Val Leu Ala Gln Ala Leu Tyr Glu Leu Phe Ser Ala Thr Asp
 465 470 475 480

Asp Ser Leu Arg Gln Leu Arg Lys Ala Cys Phe Leu Tyr Phe Lys Leu
 485 490 495

Gly Gly Glu Cys Leu Thr Gly Pro Val Gly Leu Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser
 500 505 510

Pro Asp Pro Leu Leu Leu Ile Arg His Phe Phe Ser Val Ala Val Tyr
 515 520 525

Ala Thr Tyr Phe Cys Phe Lys Ser Glu Pro Trp Ala Thr Lys Pro Arg
 530 535 540

Ala Leu Phe Ser Ser Gly Ala Ile Leu Tyr Lys Ala Cys Ser Ile Ile
 545 550 555 560

Phe Pro Leu Ile Tyr Ser Glu Met Lys Tyr Leu Val His
 565 570

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 496 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
- (A) ORGANISM: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
 - (B) STRAIN: A2-M8
- (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:
- (A) AUTHORS: Jandrositz, A.
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 - (C) JOURNAL: Gene
 - (D) VOLUME: 107
 - (F) PAGES: 155-160
 - (G) DATE: 1991
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 9:

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- (A) LENGTH: 536 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: *Arabidopsis thaliana*
(B) STRAIN: Columbia
(D) DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE: 4 different stages and tissues

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

- (A) LIBRARY: Lambda-PRL2
(B) CLONE: 250F2T7

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

- (A) AUTHORS: Newman, T.
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Raikhel, N.
Somerville, S.
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- (B) TITLE: Genes galore: a summary of methods for

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(C) JOURNAL: Plant Physiol.

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 540 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Ricinus Communis
- (B) STRAIN: Baker 296
- (D) DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE: immature castor fruits
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: endosperm and embryo

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

- (A) LIBRARY: lambdaZAPST
- (B) CLONE: pcrs547

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

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- (D) VOLUME: 108
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- (G) DATE: 1995

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The teachings of the above references are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

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CLAIMS:

1. An isolated and cloned DNA suitable for introduction into a genome of a plant to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant below natural levels, characterised in that said DNA has a sequence corresponding at least in part to a squalene epoxidase gene of a plant.
2. DNA according to claim 1, characterised by a sequence corresponding to all or part of a specific sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10; or having at least 60% homology thereto.
3. DNA according to claim 2, characterised in that said part of said sequence comprises at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of said specific sequence.
4. DNA according to claim 2, characterised in that said part of said sequence comprises at least 100 consecutive nucleotides of said specific sequence.
5. A process of producing genetically-modified plants having increased levels of squalene in tissues of the plants compared to corresponding wild-type plants, wherein the plant genome is modified to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant, characterised in that said genome is modified by introducing at least one exogenous DNA sequence that corresponds, at least in part, to one or more endogenous squalene epoxidase genes of said plant.
6. A process according to claim 5, characterised in that said DNA sequence introduced into said plant genome has at least 60% homology to said one or more of said

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endogenous squalene epoxidase genes.

7. A process according to claim 5, characterised in that said exogenous DNA has a sequence corresponding to all or part of a specific sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10; or has at least 60% homology thereto.
8. A process according to claim 7, characterised in that said part of said sequence comprises at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of said specific sequence.
9. A process according to claim 7, characterised in that said part of said sequence comprises at least 100 consecutive nucleotides of said specific sequence.
10. A process as claimed in claim 5, characterised in that said at least one DNA sequence introduced into said genome is arranged in a sense orientation relative to a transcriptional promoter such that it is capable of decreasing said expression by co-suppression or homology-dependent gene silencing.
11. A process as claimed in claim 5, characterised in that said at least one DNA sequence introduced into said genome forms part of a gene encoding a ribozyme that is capable of catalysing endonucleolytic cleavage of said one or more of the endogenous squalene epoxidase genes of said plant.
12. A process as claimed in claim 5, characterised in that said exogenous DNA is obtained by identifying at least one squalene epoxidase gene of said plant, and sequencing and cloning the gene or at least a part thereof.

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13. A process according to claim 5, characterised in that said exogenous DNA sequence is introduced into said plant by a procedure selected from *Agrobacterium*-mediated and particle gun transformation techniques.
14. A process of producing genetically-modified plants having increased levels of squalene in tissues of the plants compared to corresponding wild-type plants, wherein the plant genome is modified to suppress expression of squalene epoxidase by said plant by introducing a nucleotide sequence that reduces or prevents expression of squalene epoxidase into a genome of said plant, characterised in that said DNA includes a transcriptional promoter and a sequence arranged such that when transcribed from the promoter, resulting RNA is complementary or antisense to all or part of at least one squalene epoxidase messenger RNA transcribed from a squalene epoxidase gene of said plant.
15. A process according to claim 14, characterised in that said nucleotide sequence comprises all or part of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10; or is a sequence having at least 60% homology thereto.
16. Plasmid pDR411 (ATCC 97845).
17. Plasmid pDR111 (ATCC 97846).
18. Plasmid p129F12T7 (ATCC 97847).
19. A vector for introducing a nucleotide sequence into a plant genome, characterised in that said vector comprises a construct containing a nucleotide sequence that is antisense to a plant squalene epoxidase gene or a

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part thereof, positioned between a transcriptional promoter segment and a transcriptional termination segment.

20. A vector according to claim 19, characterised in that said nucleotide sequence comprises all or part of a specific sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10; or has at least 60% homology thereto.

21. Vector pSE129A (ATCC 97910).

22. Vector pSE411A (ATCC 97908).

23. Vector pSE111A (ATCC 97909).

24. A genetically-modified plant capable of accumulating squalene at levels higher than the corresponding wild-type plant, characterised in that said genetically-modified plant has been produced by a process according to claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, claim 8, claim 9, claim 10, claim 11, claim 12, claim 13, claim 14 or claim 15.

25. A seed of a genetically-modified oilseed plant containing squalene at levels higher than seeds of equivalent wild-type plants, characterised in that said genetically-modified plant has been produced by a process according to claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, claim 8, claim 9, claim 10, claim 11, claim 12, claim 13, claim 14 or claim 15.

26. A process of producing squalene, characterised by growing a genetically-modified plant as defined in claim 24, harvesting said plant or seeds of said plant, and extracting squalene from said harvested plant or seeds.

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MOUSE	M	W	T	F	L	G	I	A	T	F	T	Y	F	Y	K	K	C	G	D	V	-	2
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B. NAPUS 411	V	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	V	N	N	R	R	K	K	K	A	-	-	33
ARABIDOPSIS	V	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	L	L	K	M	K	K	K	A	A	T	-	32
MOUSE	K	S	P	-	E	S	E	K	K	E	Q	L	E	S	K	K	C	R	K	E	-	29
RAT	K	S	P	P	E	S	E	K	K	E	Q	L	E	S	K	R	R	R	K	E	-	99
YEAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
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B. NAPUS 111	T	K	L	A	D	L	A	T	E	E	R	K	E	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	120
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ARABIDOPSIS	G	D	L	-	E	A	E	A	E	A	R	R	D	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
MOUSE	I	G	L	S	E	T	T	L	T	G	A	A	T	S	V	S	T	S	F	V	-	43
RAT	V	N	L	S	E	T	T	L	T	G	A	A	T	S	V	S	T	S	S	V	-	119
YEAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
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B. NAPUS 111	-	G	P	D	V	I	I	V	G	A	G	V	G	G	S	A	L	A	Y	A	130	140
B. NAPUS 411	-	D	A	D	V	I	I	V	G	A	G	V	G	G	S	A	L	A	Y	A	-	66
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MOUSE	T	D	P	E	V	I	I	V	G	S	G	V	L	G	S	A	L	A	A	V	-	61
RAT	T	D	P	E	V	I	I	V	G	S	G	V	L	G	S	A	L	A	A	V	-	139
YEAST	I	T	Y	D	A	I	V	I	G	A	G	V	I	G	P	C	V	A	T	G	-	140
																						36

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B. NAPUS 411		L A K D G R R V H V I E R D M R E P V R			85
ARABIDOPSIS		L A K D G R R V H V I E R D M R E P V R			81
MOUSE		L S R R D G R T K V T V I E R D L K E P D R			159
RAT		L S R R D G R T K V T V I E R D L K E P D R			160
YEAST		L A R K G K K V L I V E R D W A M P D R			56
B. NAPUS 111		M M G E F M Q P G G R L M L S K L G L Q	170	180	106
B. NAPUS 411		F M G E F M Q P G G R L L L S K L G L E			105
ARABIDOPSIS		I V G E L L Q P G G Y R V L Q E L G L G			101
MOUSE		I L G E C L Q P G G Y R V L R E L G L G			179
RAT		I V G E L M Q P G G V R A L R S L G M I			180
YEAST					76
B. NAPUS 111		D C L E E I D A Q K S T G I R L F K D G	190	200	126
B. NAPUS 411		D C L E G I D A Q K S T G L A V Y K D G			125
ARABIDOPSIS		D T V E G L N A H H I H G Y I V H D Y E			121
MOUSE		D T V E S L N A H H I H G Y V I H D C E			199
RAT		Q S I N N I E A Y P V T G Y T V F F N G			200
YEAST					96
B. NAPUS 111		K E T V A C F P V D T N F P	210	220	141
B. NAPUS 411		K K A L V S F P E D D N D F P			140
ARABIDOPSIS		K H A T L P F P P D D K S F P			136
MOUSE		S R S E V Q I P Y P L S			212
RAT		S R S E V Q I P Y P L S			213
YEAST		E Q V D I P Y P Y K A D I P K V E K L K			116
B. NAPUS 111		. . . . .	230	240	141
B. NAPUS 411		. . . . .			140
ARABIDOPSIS		. . . . .			136
MOUSE		. . . . .			212
RAT		. . . . .			213
YEAST		D L V K D G N D K V L E D S T I H I K D			136
B. NAPUS 111		. . . . .	250	260	156
B. NAPUS 411		. . . . .			155
ARABIDOPSIS		. . . . .			151
MOUSE		E T N Q V Q S G I A F H H G R F I M S			230
RAT		E E N N Q V Q S G I A F H H G R F I M S			231
YEAST		Y E D D E R E R G V A F V H G R F L N N			156
B. NAPUS 111		L R Q K A S S L P N V R L E E G T V R S	270	280	176
B. NAPUS 411		L R Q K A S S L P T V Q L E E G T V K S			175
ARABIDOPSIS		L R Q K A A S L S N V Q L E E G T V K S			171
MOUSE		L L R K A A M A E P N V K F I E G V V L Q			250
RAT		L L R K A A M A E P N V K F I E G V V L Q			251
YEAST		L L R N I T A Q E P N V T R V Q G N C I E			176

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ARABIDOPSIS	L	L	E	E	D	G	V	V	K	G	V	T	Y	K	N	S	S	A	G	E	E	195
MOUSE	L	L	E	E	D	D	A	V	V	I	G	V	Q	Y	K	D	K	E	T	G	D	191
RAT	L	L	E	E	D	D	A	V	V	I	G	V	Q	Y	K	D	K	E	T	G	D	270
YEAST	I	L	K	D	E	K	N	E	V	V	G	A	K	V	D	I	D	G	R	G		271
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B. NAPUS 111	T	T	S	F	-	A	P	L	T	V	V	C	D	G	C	H	S	N	L	R	310	320
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ARABIDOPSIS	I	T	A	F	-	A	P	L	T	V	V	C	D	G	C	Y	S	N	L	R	214	
MOUSE	T	K	E	L	H	A	P	L	T	V	V	C	D	G	C	Y	S	N	L	R	210	
RAT	T	K	E	L	H	A	P	L	T	V	V	C	D	G	C	Y	S	N	L	R	290	
YEAST	K	V	E	F	K	A	H	L	T	F	I	C	D	G	L	F	S	K	F	R	291	
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B. NAPUS 111	R	S	L	N	D	N	N	A	E	V	T	A	Y	E	-	I	G	Y	I	S	330	340
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ARABIDOPSIS	R	S	L	N	D	N	T	E	E	V	L	S	Y	Q	-	V	G	Y	V	S	233	
MOUSE	K	S	L	I	S	S	K	V	S	-	V	S	S	M	-	V	G	Y	V	T	229	
RAT	K	N	L	I	S	N	K	V	S	-	V	S	S	H	F	V	G	F	I	M	309	
YEAST	K	E	L	H	P	D	H	V	P	T	V	G	S	S	F	V	G	M	S	L	310	
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YEAST	P	K	V	P	A	-	-	-	-	D	I	K	S	W	M	I	K	D	V	Q	364	
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ARABIDOPSIS	P	Q	V	P	L	-	-	K	L	R	K	T	F	L	K	G	L	D	E	G	310	
MOUSE	P	Q	L	P	-	-	-	H	L	K	E	S	F	L	E	A	S	Q	N	G	308	
RAT	P	Q	L	P	-	-	-	H	L	K	E	S	F	L	E	A	S	Q	N	G	381	
YEAST	P	F	I	P	-	-	-	K	S	L	R	P	S	F	D	E	A	V	S	Q	382	
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FIG. 1D

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B. NAPUS 411	- A Q I K A M P T K R M E A T L S E K Q	329
ARABIDOPSIS	L P E I K S T A T K S M S S R L C D K R	328
MOUSE	- - R L R T M P A S S F L P P S S V N K R	399
RAT	- - R L R T M P A S S F L P P S S V N K R	400
YEAST	- - K F R A M P N S Y L P A R Q N D V T	328
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B. NAPUS 411	G V I V L G D A F N M R H P V I I A S G M	349
ARABIDOPSIS	G V I V L G D A F N M R H P V I I A S G M	348
MOUSE	G V L L L G D A Y N L R H P L T G G G M	419
RAT	G V L L L G D A Y N L R H P L T G G G M	420
YEAST	G M C V I G D A L N M R H P L T G G G M	348
450 460		
B. NAPUS 111	M V L L S D I L I L S R L L K P L G N L	370
B. NAPUS 411	M V L L S D I L I L R R L L Q P L R N L	369
ARABIDOPSIS	M V A L S D I C I L R N L L K P L P N L	368
MOUSE	T V A L K D I K I W R Q L L K D I P D L	439
RAT	T V A L K D I K I W R Q L L K D I P D L	440
YEAST	T V G L H D V V L L I K K I G D L - D F	367
470 480		
B. NAPUS 111	G D E N K V S E V M K S F Y A L R K P M	390
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ARABIDOPSIS	S N T K K V S D L V K S F Y I I R K P M	388
MOUSE	Y D D A A I F Q A K K S F F W S R K R T	459
RAT	Y D D A A I F Q A K K S F F W S R K R S	460
YEAST	S D R E K V L D E L L D Y H F E R K S Y	387
490 500		
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B. NAPUS 411	S A T V N T L G N A F S Q V L I I A S T D	409
ARABIDOPSIS	S A T V N T L A S I F S Q V L V A T T D	408
MOUSE	H S F V V N V L A Q A L Y E L F S A T D	479
RAT	H S F V V N V L A Q A L Y E L F S A T D	480
YEAST	D S - V I N V L S V A L Y S L F A A D S	406
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B. NAPUS 111	E A K E A M R Q G C F D Y L S S G G F R	430
B. NAPUS 411	E A K E A M R Q G C F D Y L S S G G F R	429
ARABIDOPSIS	E A R E G M R Q G C F N Y L A R G D F K	428
MOUSE	D S L H Q L R K A C F L Y F K L G G E C	499
RAT	D S L R Q L R K A C F L Y F K L G G E C	500
YEAST	D N L K A L Q K G C F K Y F Q R G G D C	426
530 540		
B. NAPUS 111	T S G L M A L I G G M N P R P L S L F Y	450
B. NAPUS 411	T S G M M A L L G G M N P R P L S L T F	449
ARABIDOPSIS	T R G L M T I L G G M N P H P L T L V L	448
MOUSE	V T G P V G L L S I L S P H P L V L I R	519
RAT	L T G P V G L L S I L S P D P L L L I R	520
YEAST	V N K P V E F L S G V L P K P L Q L T R	446
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B. NAPUS 111
B. NAPUS 411
ARABIDOPSIS
MOUSE
RAT
YEAST

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B. NAPUS 111
B. NAPUS 411
ARABIDOPSIS
MOUSE
RAT
YEAST

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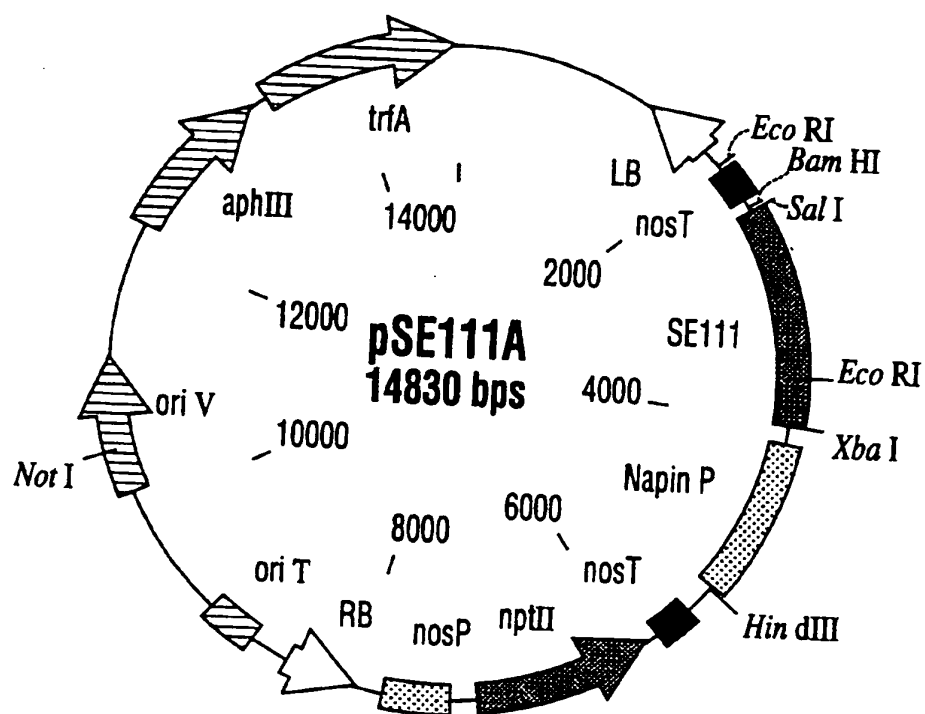
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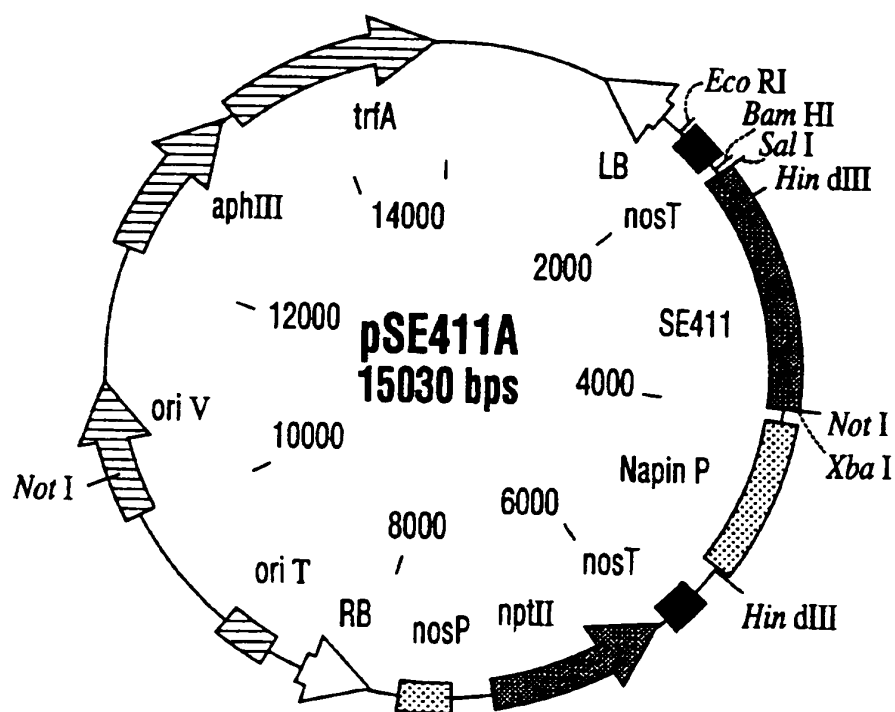
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B. NAPUS 111
B. NAPUS 411
ARABIDOPSIS
MOUSE
RAT
YEAST

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N	Y	I	A	T	T	T	V	-	517
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FIG. 1E

**FIG. 2**

**FIG. 3**

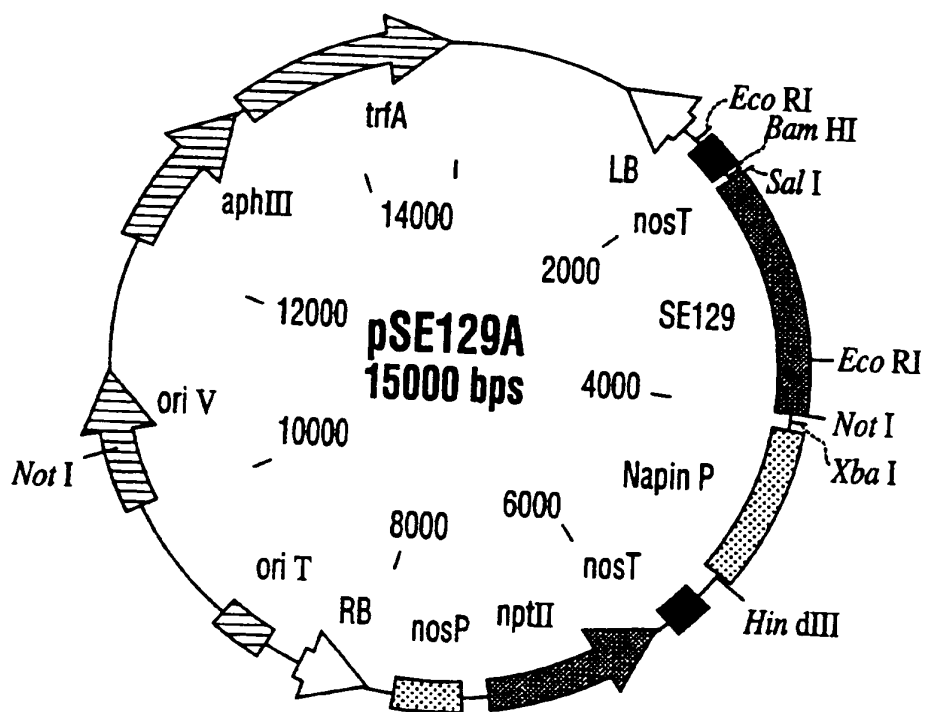


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INDICATIONS RELATING TO A DEPOSITED MICROORGANISM

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DEPOSIT RECEIPT
ATTACHED

A. The indications made below relate to the microorganism referred to in the description on page <u>17</u> , line <u>23-30</u>	
B. IDENTIFICATION OF DEPOSIT Further deposits are identified on an additional sheet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Name of depositary institution AMERICAN TYPE CULTURE COLLECTION.	
Address of depositary institution (including postal code and country) 12301 PARKLAWN DRIVE ROCKVILLE MD, USA, 20852	
Date of deposit JANUARY 9, 1997	Accession Number ATCC 9785 ATCC 9786 ATCC 9787.
C. ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS (leave blank if not applicable) This information is continued on an additional sheet <input type="checkbox"/>	
MICROORGANISMS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC <u>ONLY</u> BY ISSUANCE OF SAMPLE TO AN EXPERT NOMINATED BY APPLICANT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OR ABANDONMENT.	
D. DESIGNATED STATES FOR WHICH INDICATIONS ARE MADE (if the indications are not for all designated States)	
Eld CANADA OTHER COUNTRIES PERMITTING THIS RESTRICTION.	
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